

[28th January 1929]

APPENDIX X.

[Vide answer to question No. 1067 asked by Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th January 1929, page 65 supra.]

(a) The total number of Forest Rangers in service during the last five years—

1924	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	235
1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	232
1926	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	226
1927	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	226
1928	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	211

(b) The number of Forest Rangers who died whilst still in service or within three years of their retirement during the last five years—

1923-24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
1924-25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
1925-26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
1926-27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
1927-28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

(c) *The average period of sick leave availed of by each ranger during the last five years.*—Three months and 10 days during the five years. It does not necessarily follow, however, that every ranger took some sick leave during that period.

(d) *The average period of service put in by the rangers who retired or died in service during the last five years.*—The average service put in by the rangers who retired was 26 years 7 months and 16 days.

The average service put in by the rangers who died was 17 years 7 months and 10 days.

APPENDIX XI.

[Vide answer to question No. 1068 asked by Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th January 1929, page 65 supra.]

Q.—Will the Hon'ble the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that an admitted right of way that was long in use in Odugathur Reserve Forest (North Arcot district) for cattle and men was suddenly closed in March last and whether even "permitted" cattle were thus not able to enter the forest;

(b) whether it is a fact that permission to take manure leaves is not given in this Reserve, even under the usual conditions;

(c) whether it is a fact that in Forests under Panchayat management in the same district removal of manure leaves is permitted;

(d) whether the affected ryots belonging to several villages appealed to the Conservator of Forests for justice and whether they even telegraphed for immediate redress of grievances; and

(e) what action has been taken by the Conservator in this matter?

A.—(a) There is no reserved forest by name Odugathur in North Arcot district. The path referred to is apparently the one running